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H. R. 2751

To amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 to improve the management and operations of the General Services Administration.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 1997

Mr. KIM (for himself and Mr. TRAFICANT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “General Services Ad-
5 ministration Improvement Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROSPECTUS REQUIREMENTS FOR COURTHOUSES.**

7 (a) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—Section 7(a) of the
8 Public Buildings Act of 1959 (40 U.S.C. 606(a)) is
9 amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
2 (5);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
4 graph (6) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(7) with respect to any project for the design
7 or construction of a United States courthouse—

8 “(A) information concerning courtroom
9 utilization in the courthouse that is providing
10 facilities that will be provided in the proposed
11 courthouse;

12 “(B) information concerning anticipated
13 courtroom utilization in the proposed court-
14 house;

15 “(C) information concerning anticipated
16 facilities sharing in the proposed courthouse;
17 and

18 “(D) an analysis of whether the project
19 conforms to the United States Court Design
20 Guide.”.

21 (b) TRANSMITTAL OF DESIGN GUIDE.—Section 7 of
22 the Public Buildings Act of 1959 (40 U.S.C. 606) is
23 amended by adding at the end the following:

24 “(g) TRANSMITTAL OF DESIGN GUIDE.—On an an-
25 nual basis, the Administrator shall obtain from the Ad-

1 ministrative Office of the United States Courts, and shall
 2 transmit to Congress, the United States Court Design
 3 Guide, including any revisions to the Guide. Together with
 4 each Guide, the Administrator shall also transmit a report
 5 containing a statement by the Administrator as to the ef-
 6 fects of any revisions to the Guide on courthouse construc-
 7 tion costs and such other information as the Adminis-
 8 trator considers appropriate.”.

9 **SEC. 3. ACQUISITIONS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND SITES**

10 **BY EXCHANGE.**

11 Section 13 of the Public Buildings Act of 1959 (40
 12 U.S.C. 612) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
 13 ing:

14 “(8) The term ‘exchange’ includes an exchange for
 15 future rights or benefits, including rights or benefits relat-
 16 ing to the development of real property.”.

17 **SEC. 4. PROCEEDS FROM SALES AND LEASES.**

18 The Public Buildings Act of 1959 (40 U.S.C. 601
 19 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

20 **“SEC. 22. PROCEEDS FROM SALES AND LEASES.**

21 “(a) DEPOSIT INTO FEDERAL BUILDINGS FUND.—
 22 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all proceeds
 23 received after the date of the enactment of this section
 24 from the sale of interests in real property, including build-
 25 ings and other improvements thereto, controlled by the

1 Administrator and from the leasing of space in public
2 buildings located on such real property to private entities
3 shall be deposited into the Federal Buildings Fund estab-
4 lished by section 210(f) of the Federal Property and Ad-
5 ministrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 490(f)).

6 “(b) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS.—Moneys deposited
7 into the Federal Buildings Fund pursuant to subsection
8 (a) shall be available only for expenditure for repair and
9 alteration activities and construction and acquisition of fa-
10 cilities activities in such amounts as are specified in an-
11 nual appropriations Acts without regard to fiscal year lim-
12 itations.”.

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